

In addition to the permanent locations, sponsors have teamed up with the drain commissioner to host several events at local recycling centers where residents can drop off needles in addition to prescription pills.

In its first decade, the Big Red Barrel project has safely disposed of over 20 tons of unused medications. It's lifesaving work, because as that number grows, it means more pills out of the wrong hands and out of municipal water systems.

Michiganders don't admire problems from afar—when they see something that needs fixing, they go out and do it. For ten years, the Big Red Barrel Project has been a perfect example of folks coming together for the common good. I'm proud to recognize it, and I wish this community project the best for the next 10 years to come.

IN HONOR OF JAMES STEWART
MCFARLAND

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, James Stewart "Jim" McFarland. Mr. McFarland lives in North Middletown, Kentucky. He celebrates his 90th birthday on August 12th.

Mr. McFarland served our nation in the United States Army in the 1950's during the Korean Conflict. Following his military service, he returned to Bourbon County and worked in electronics repair.

In 1959, Mr. McFarland began serving the people of North Middletown as a volunteer firefighter. He became chief of the North Middletown Volunteer Fire Department in 1971. As Chief, he was instrumental in acquiring funds for and overseeing the construction of the fire station that is still in use today in North Middletown. He also was a key resource in the formation of the Little Rock Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. McFarland conducted numerous fire training classes both in Bourbon County and throughout Central Kentucky. Currently, Mr. McFarland serves as assistant fire chief for the North Middletown community.

In addition to his 62 years of service with the Fire Department, Mr. McFarland has participated in seven mission trips to Honduras where he used his carpentry skills on numerous construction projects. He also serves North Middletown Christian Church as an elder, a deacon, and property committee chair.

For all the ways that Mr. McFarland has served our nation and his community, he is to be commended and appreciated. It is my honor to recognize James Stewart McFarland on the occasion of his 90th birthday before the United States Congress.

OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM ACT OF
2021

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Ocean Shipping Reform Act of

2021," with Congressman DUSTY JOHNSON (R-SD). Our bipartisan legislation would better support American exporters by ensuring reciprocal trade to help reduce the United States' longstanding trade imbalance export-driven countries like mainland China.

This would be the first major overhaul of federal regulations for the global ocean shipping industry time since Congress passed the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-258). There has since been considerable consolidation amongst the "foreign-based ocean carriers, coinciding with the continued decline of the U.S.-flagged international fleet. In late 2001, the People's Republic of China was granted permanent normal trade relations with the United States, so-called "most-favored nation" status, following the country's admission to the World Trade Organization.

Foreign businesses' access to the American market and our consumers is a privilege, not a right. California's agricultural exporters and other businesses are willing to pay to ensure that their products reach emerging markets in the Asia-Pacific. In turn, companies looking to offload foreign-made products at West Coast ports must provide opportunities for American exports. Congress must ensure reciprocity in trade with other countries to reduce the United States' trade imbalance, particularly with cheap imports from Asia. Even during a global pandemic, trade must be mutually beneficial, and that is exactly what our bipartisan bill would ensure.

On March 9, 2021, Congressman JOHNSON and I joined over 100 Members of Congress in a bipartisan letter urging the Federal Maritime Commission to crack down on anti-competitive, unfair, and likely illegal business practices by some ocean carriers during the height of the pandemic in 2020. Dozens of agricultural exporters contacted my office reporting that ocean carriers simply refused to accept cargo bookings for U.S. exports, instead choosing to send cannisters empty back to the Asia-Pacific, as quickly as possible. Outright refusing to take U.S. exports at seemingly any price is simply not an acceptable business practice by the ocean carriers.

On June 15, 2021, Congressman JOHNSON and I announced our intention to pursue this legislation, at the Maritime Subcommittee's hearing on the "Impacts of Shipping Container Shortages, Delays, and Increased Demand on the North American Supply Chain."

On July 20, 2021, the Federal Maritime Commission established a new audit program to assess ocean carriers' compliance with federal regulations on detention and demurrage and increase the agency's monitoring of the marketplace for ocean cargo services. This action underscores the need for our bipartisan legislation.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members to co-sponsor the "Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2021." As a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, where I serve with Congressman JOHNSON, and the former ranking member of the Maritime Subcommittee from the 113th to the 115th Congresses, I plan to make this legislation a major priority. Specifically, I hope to include our bipartisan legislation in the maritime title of the next Coast Guard Authorization Act for fiscal years 2022 to 2023.

CELEBRATING MEADVIEW VFW
AUXILIARY 11014's 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish the Meadview VFW Auxiliary a wonderful 30th anniversary. The Meadview Auxiliary embodies the very best our country has to offer. Their work with Mt. Tipton Elementary school—particularly Constitution Day in September—teaches our future leaders to respect and engage with our great republic. We are in debt to your service.

Their Resource and Stand-down fairs assisted countless veterans and ensured our nation's finest have their voices heard in Congress. Each and every one of the Auxiliary's members and contributors are patriots; their collation of 100,000 poppies when disabled veterans were unable to meet proved as much.

The United States is in short supply of men and women such as yourselves. The Meadview community and the people of Arizona are blessed to have great Americans setting an example for generations to come. I am proud to be a friend of the Meadview VFW Auxiliary, and I look forward to continue fighting for Veterans' issues here in Washington.

SALINE COUNTY CAREER
TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of the Saline County Career Technical Education Center.

I commend Saline County for uniting to provide overwhelming support for this new educational center.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Skilled Workforce Caucus, I am excited to see Saline County invest in skilled workforce education.

This educational center will teach students skills at a young age, so they may receive a head start in the technical field of their choosing. This will allow these students to be career ready to enter the workforce after graduation.

The current workforce shortage proves that there is no better time to invest in skilled workforce education and America's next generation.

Thanks to many efforts in Arkansas, including the new Saline County Career Technical Education Center, the future looks even brighter. My home state of Arkansas will continue to have bright, driven, hard-working, exceptionally trained, and career ready students.

The Saline County Career Technical Education Center will serve as a new benchmark for Arkansas. I am humbled to witness the start of its inspiring future.

HONORING PAUL SMITH'S COLLEGE ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Paul Smith's College.

Paul Smith's College received its first class in 1946 on the grounds of the former Paul Smith's Hotel, the Adirondacks' first wilderness resort. Since then, Paul Smith's College has graduated thousands of students from around the nation. Over the past 75 years, the college has expanded to include unique degree programs ranging from the natural sciences, to forestry, to culinary arts. Paul Smith's degree programs offer students a wide variety of opportunities to prepare for their future career. The faculty and staff are dedicated to the success of their students, with 90 percent finding employment or enrolling in graduate school within 6 months of graduating. Of the approximately 750 students, 46 percent the first in their family to go to college. These numbers speak to the impact that the college has had in the lives of students and the community.

Paul Smith's College has been a vital resource to the North Country and continues to serve the region well as it has the past 75 years. On behalf of New York's 21st district, I would like to congratulate the students, faculty, staff, and leadership team at Paul Smith's College on reaching this milestone. I look forward to their continued success.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL PHILLIP JAMES DEVRIES II FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Phillip

James DeVries II for his three decades of service in the United States Army. Through his exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion, LTC DeVries has helped to strengthen our foreign diplomatic relations and ensure the safety and security of his fellow Americans.

LTC DeVries started his military career 32 years ago at West Point Military Academy, where he was awarded the rank of second lieutenant field artillery officer. Given his comprehensive military and strategic background, he also became a strategic plans and policies officer helping to modernize the U.S. military and better assist his fellow soldiers in the field. While in the Army, he served in numerous countries across the world and deployed four times to Afghanistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In addition, DeVries recognized the importance of international diplomacy and relations during his service, which is why he constantly worked to strengthen alliances in the surrounding communities. In pursuit of this, he attended the NATO Defense College in Rome and was involved in many projects across 22 different countries with hundreds of international officers. Phillip's longtime devotion to our country is commendable, and the impact of his work on his fellow servicemembers and the people of the United States cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Phillip James DeVries II for his decades of service to the United States Army and his leadership that will inspire future generations. On behalf of my constituents, I wish LTC DeVries all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE HONORING THE WORK OF RAYNA LEHMAN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary work of Rayna Lehman, a champion of women and labor and a true patriot, who is retiring after serving with great distinction and effectiveness for 39 years as the community services director of the San Mateo County Labor Council. She will receive

the well-deserved honor of the Cope Unity Award at the 41st Annual Cope Banquet to be held at the Hyatt Regency at San Francisco International Airport on August 13, 2021.

Rayna was born in the Bronx, New York, to a working-class family. She was educated in public schools and was a day camp counselor, a salesperson, and a TSP telephone operator, before she came to California in 1970.

The list of glass ceilings Rayna has broken began with the San Mateo County Union Community Alliance, and the list of the positions she has held that never had been held by a woman before is a long one. The honors she has earned include the San Mateo Labor Council Unity Award; PALCARE Outstanding Service Award; McCowan Takalo Anti-Hunger Advocacy Award; APALA Community Services Leadership Award; the UC Berkeley Labor Center Helping Hands Award; Menlo Park Hometown Hero; Senate District 13 2021 Woman of the Year; the Hispanic Chamber Community Leader Award; and many more.

She participated in the creation of PALCARE, was appointed to the San Mateo County Childcare Partnership Council, and represented Labor on the inaugural First Five Community Steering Committee. She created Health@Work and helped create the Community Health Reform Advisory Committee to introduce the Affordable Care Act to San Mateo County.

As the community services director of the San Mateo County Central Labor Council, Rayna created the Union Hardship Fund, trained union counselors to assist local union members, and coordinated a partnership with Second Harvest Silicon Valley Food Bank to provide twice monthly food distributions that help more than 800 families. She's a member of Office and Professional Employees Local 29 and served as president of Painters Local 15 for nine years.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in thanking Rayna Lehman for her extraordinary work and in congratulating her on being honored for her exceptional leadership as San Mateo County Central Labor Council's community services director. The blessings of her work have touched thousands of families, and we are a better, stronger county and country because of her.